

CLINTON HILL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
Newark 8 New Jersey

Record of Meeting

1. Council Assembly on July 16, 1958, 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Hoff, 596 Clinton Avenue.

2. Present were:

Stanley B. Winters, pres. CHNC
Mrs. L. C. Brannon, Treacy Ave.
Edward Cohen, Hunterdon (South)
Walter Chambers, Mayor's Comm. on Gp. Rel.
Helen Winters, Block Bldg. Comm.
Don Dworkin, Seymour Ave.
Bill Wallace, Public Affairs Comm.
Gloria Thomas, Hunterdon (North)
Walter Jones, Treacy Ave.
Emma Pitts, Chadwick (South)
Sarah Hallett, Trinity Church
Donald Geyer, Planning Staff, City
Stanley Aronowitz, vice-pres. CHNC
Harry Hazelwood, attorney H. L. Holmes
H. L. Holmes, Nairn Place
Willie Howerton, Rose Terrace
Rev. Alan Geyer, Trinity Methodist Church
Rev. Ralph W. Riley, Hopewell Baptist Ch.
Norman Hinkel, Hunterdon (South)
George Brenn, Robert Treats & L Assn.
George C. Ritz, Hillside Ave.
Morris Dworkin, guest
Willie Cheatham, Belmont Ave.
Louis Pitts, Public Safety Comm.
J. W. Feldman, Council of Social Agencies
Warren C. Brothers, Treacy Ave.
Mildred Helms, vice-pres. CHNC.
Lee E. Bailey, treasurer, CHNC.
Anthony Catena, Osborne Ter.
Anne Fried, Fuld Neighborhood House
Pauline von Busch, S. 17th St.
Jackson Brown, Belmont Avenue.
Anne M. Burns, S. 17th Street
Rebecca Landever, Bergen St.
William M. King, South 11th St.

3. The proposed Neighborhood Center. The idea of a Center has been crystallizing in the past few months, it was reported; and a number of preliminary discussions have been held. Detailed reports were read and distributed to those present by:

Hickman L. Holmes, financial aspects
Rev. Alan Geyer, organization of a Center
Bill Wallace, programming the Center.

Dr. Fried and Mr. Feldman supported the expressions in favor of such a center. Dr. Fried said that a building similar to the meeting place, 596 Clinton Avenue, would be ideal, and that an initial program might be limited to one group in each of

three areas: young children, teens, and older people. Mr. Feldman said that he has been at community council meetings throughout the city, but nowhere had he met with the enthusiasm and growing leadership as here in Clinton Hill. He remarked that "people" were the major resource, and as long as Clinton Hill had them it could accomplish its goals.

At 9:13 p.m. the meeting adjourned to inspect the premises. The meeting resumed at 9:23 p.m.

The following motions were made, seconded, and approved by a double vote: first a general vote of all present, then an individual delegate-by-delegate poll from each block branch and member institution, plus elected officers. The motions were unanimously approved.

1. That the Clinton Hill Neighborhood Council go on record as favoring the acquisition of a building to be used as a Neighborhood Center.
2. That the Council ascertain the feasibility of raising money to purchase property for use as a Center.
3. That a special committee be created to report by August 13th, the next Council Assembly meeting, on available properties and financial resources in the community and in the city.

Stan Winters appointed Hickman L. Holmes as chairman of the committee on the Neighborhood Center. 7 other persons agreed to serve actively or as consultants.

4. Bergen Street Tot Lot. Mrs. Mildred Helms reported that Public Service Elec. & Gas Co. will lease a lot about 50x100 feet on Bergen Street south of Madison Avenue to the Council for \$1.00 a year. She said that a neighborhood canvass showed that money to pay reasonable insurance costs and volunteer supervisors would be available from the members and residents on nearby blocks.

Mr. Harry Hazelwood, member South 11 Street Branch, who is serving as volunteer counsel in the negotiations with Public Service reported on several points that he felt should be cleared up before the president signed the lease. These included: 1) that the insurance coverage is bona fide; 2) that Public Service be given 3-6 months notice, or give the Council such notice, prior to termination of the lease; 3) that "structure" in the lease be defined; 4) that any City zoning requirements be ascertained; 5) that an estimate of required fencing costs be gotten (Mr. W. Brothers volunteered to secure this). Mrs. Helms volunteered to check on these provisions and have a report by August 13th. The president congratulated her and the Bergen Street Branch for their success.

5. Hunterdon Street (South) admitted to Council. By unanimous vote the new branch was admitted. Mr. Norman Hinkel, chairman, briefly address the Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. RALPH W. HIEY
Acting Recorder